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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed December 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 13 as follows:

1. A method for receiving data from a plurality of ports for processing by a plurality of processes including at least one thread, comprising:
assigning one of the plurality of ports to one of the plurality of processes;
determining that additional data is available from the assigned port; and
awaiting notification by the one of the plurality of processes that processing of the additional data has been completed prior to re-assigning the port to one of the plurality of processes.

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